

**Sermon: Living Simply**

**Bible Verses: Luke 10:38-42 and various**

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**One of our Church's core values is "Living Simply." We say, "We value \_\_\_\_\_ lives, which free us to love boldly, \_\_\_\_\_ generously and serve \_\_\_\_\_."**

Living simply includes \_\_\_\_\_ our lives on what is important, and \_\_\_\_\_ for that. It will necessitate cutting out many less important things.

When we make the decision to LIVE SIMPLY, we then have the \_\_\_\_\_ to LOVE DEEPLY instead of being \_\_\_\_\_.

When we make the decision to LIVE SIMPLY, especially financially, we have \_\_\_\_\_ to GIVE GENEROUSLY.

When we make the decision to LIVE SIMPLY, we have the \_\_\_\_\_ and energy to \_\_\_\_\_ and others, with joy.

**EIGHT REASONS OUR LIVES MAY NOT BE SIMPLE:**

1. Deceitfulness of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ and entertainment.
4. Taking care of our " \_\_\_\_\_ " (it takes a lot of time).
5. Addictions: Drugs and \_\_\_\_\_, but also \_\_\_\_\_, gaming, etc too.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ itself, and the fact that it helps circumvent periods of rest (staying up with lights, TV, cell phones, computers), or night life in general.

**Growth Group prep**

- If God asked you *right now* to move to Zambia and be a missionary, what would be some practical obstacles?
- What, in your life, are two or three things that are keep you from living simply?
- The world doesn't promote, "living simply." What are some of the root causes that keep the world complex?
- There isn't a single Bible verse, or a particular story, that says, "Just remember, keeping your lives simple is really important." Yet, we choose to make that one of our Core Values. Is it unbiblical? Is it a Biblical principle? Something else? Why do you think that?
- Read Proverbs 15:16-17. How can this relate?